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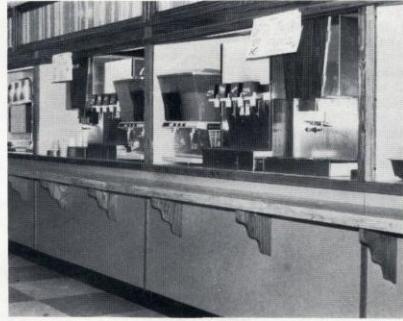
Evaluators Complete Work

By Cannon Thomas

At the beginning of this year, MBA completed its self study in preparation for the evaluation of the school made by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools last month.

The self evaluation first got well underway in the spring of 1979 because of the Philosophy and Objectives Committee. This group, organized to review and rewrite the philosophy of the school, started gathering information through questionnaires about the feelings of the people related to the school toward the institution. This committee and the School and Community committee, which put together a raw profile of MBA, had to start their work, which pertained more to the ideas behind the school, relatively early so that the more specific committees would have a firm base around which to work.

The Student Activities Committee, headed by last year's Student Council Vice-President Anderson Spickard, probably had the greatest student input of any of the committees in the self study. This committee looked into activities and aspects of student life



Gordon Strayhorn
The new speed line at Ryan has increased lunch sales dramatically. Would it work at MBA?

at MBA.

Other important committees in the study included the Student Facilities Committee, the Student Services Committee, and the Curriculum Committee, which contained a subcommittee dealing with the special problems of the junior school. In addition to these committees, each department was to conduct a self study with the head of the department as its chairman.

Each committee and subcommittee submitted its final report to the Steering Committee

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MBA Homecoming Rousing Success

By Andrew McAllister

The twenty-seventh annual MBA Homecoming and Spaghetti Supper took place on Friday, October sixteenth. After the supper, the Big Red topped a tough Antioch squad 14-0.

During the halftime, Mr. Bonduarnt conducted the raffle drawings and awarded Lisa Beachboard a Pontiac T-1000 three-door hatchback grand prize donated by Beaman Pontiac and various friends of MBA. Other prizes included a pinball-like flipper game donated by James A. Lewis and won by Robert Cooney and a ten-speed Murray Ohio bicycle won by Mrs. James A. Clark. Mrs. John Howell won a one-year membership to Westside Racquet Club.

Members of the MBA Mothers' Auxiliary, headed by chairman Libby Tirrell and co-chairman Cynthia Oiphant, spent countless hours organizing the huge dinner, issuing raffle and supper tickets, and collecting ticket profits from students. In order to give students the initiative to sell tickets, the Mothers' Auxiliary gave cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 to the three top overall sellers who were Jay Brothers, Bill Cochran, and Glen Dukes respectively. Including weekly sales rewards, nearly \$500 was given to students

for their diligent salesmanship.

The Big Red Club headed by officers Nick Fabian, Alex Grimsley, and Mike Hughes organized the Homecoming dance on Saturday the seventeenth. Playing a memorable 60's set, the band called "The Keys" proved to be a huge success. The decorations committee, led by Mike Hughes, ornamented the campus for the occasion.

The entire high school elected the Homecoming Queen and her court on September twenty-eighth, and these girls were presented after the first half of the Homecoming game. The Queen was head cheerleader Kate Kirkpatrick, and her court consisted of Harpeth Hall freshman Ashley Dale, Harpeth Hall sophomore Mary Elkins, juniors Elizabeth Graves and Heidi Wallace, and seniors Elizabeth P'Pool and Joan Sorace.

The MBA Spaghetti Supper and Homecoming is the only annual fundraising event for the school. This year, the school received more than twenty-eight thousand dollars and served almost 3,740 people at the supper. The Mothers' Auxiliary and everyone involved deserve great praise for their dedication to the success of the Spaghetti Supper and to Montgomery Bell Academy.

15 MBA SENIORS NAMED MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

By Page Garrett

On September 8, fifteen members of the senior class received the honor of being selected as Semifinalists in competition for the 5,000 National Merit Scholarships to be offered across the country in 1982. They are: William A. Altemier, Steven E. Anderson, George K. Carpenter, Michael J. Crist, Kevin J. Drury, Terence N. Fails, John Page Garrett, J. Mark Hastings, John D. Hitt, Paul G. Kornman, Donald B. Mangrum, Winston B. Sifton, Tripp Townsend, Wyatt C. Wells, E. Thomas Wood. The National Merit Scholarship Program selected these Semifinalists by virtue of their performance on the 1980 PSAT-NMSQT.

Each of the 15,000 Semifinalists across the nation is among the top half of 1 percent of his state's high school senior class on the criterion of his test score. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation supplies the funds for the rest of the scholarships. Corporate and company sponsors provide four-year Merit Scholarships to those Finalists who meet criteria they specify. The colleges and universities underwrite the same type of scholarships to those Finalists who wish to attend their institutions.

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MBA 1981-82 National Merit Semifinalists: (front row) W. Wells, T. Fails, S. Anderson, M. Hastings, K. Drury, T. Townsend, P. Garrett, G. Carpenter; (back row) B. Sifton, P. Kornman, J. Hitt, B. Mangrum, T. Wood, M. Crist, B. Altemier, Commendees on page 6.

MBA Cafeteria: Is It Time For A Change?

By Martin Brown

More than one-half of all MBA students are not buying the lunch sold in the cafeteria because of the food's cost or its quality. *The Bell Ringer* investigated this problem and examined the alternatives to the present arrangement with Belle Meade Buffet.

After talking to MBA graduates, *The Bell Ringer* learned that the matter of the school lunches has been a recurring problem. In the 1950's, Mrs. James Rule, wife of the former MBA tennis coach, supervised the cafeteria. Because

the school was operating at a loss, it turned food services over to Belle Meade Buffet in the early 1960's.

Since Belle Meade Buffet began catering to MBA, there have been several efforts by the students to upgrade the service and lower the prices. Initial student protest to Belle Meade Buffet's presence on campus was ineffective. However, the November 1969 issue of *The Bell Ringer* contains a bulletin detailing the success of a student body referendum in lowering the price of milk in the cafeteria.

Despite student action, the administration has signed a one-year contract with Belle Meade Buffet for more than fifteen years because of its faith in the catering company's service. In this contract, MBA does not receive a percentage of the cafeteria's profit. Belle Meade Buffet now employs a cook, a cashier, and another worker specifically for the MBA cafeteria. Two school employees and a student volunteer help serve the food and wash the dishes.

In a recent interview, Mrs. Sue Hunt, an assistant of Belle Meade Buffet's owner, defended the caterer against criticism and discussed the relationship with MBA. Mrs. Hunt is pleased with the amount of communication between the school and Belle Meade Buffet as well as the catering company's service to the students. When asked which food items are leftovers from Belle Meade Buffet, Mrs. Hunt replied, "All of the hot food is cooked at MBA except the pies, which are from Belle Meade Buffet's kitchen. Any leftovers at MBA would be leftovers from your own cafeteria." She added, "We try to estimate carefully how much the students will eat in order to prevent leftovers." Mrs. Hunt said that MBA is the only school served by Belle Meade Buffet that does not include an annual lunch bill with the tuition. At Harpeth Hall, the girls choose their food in a cafeteria, but they are paying for lunch even if they do not eat it.

Although it has served MBA for many years, Belle Meade Buffet is not the only caterer interested in operating at our school. Mr. Gary Anderson, director of Junxion Foods, has tried twice to sign a contract with MBA. Junxion Foods, which caters to St. Cecilia and Belmont College, offers services that are very similar to Belle Meade Buffet's. Among other items, the St. Cecilia cafeteria's rotating menu includes hot vegetables, fried chicken, pizza, tacos, hamburgers, and hot dogs. However, a twenty-one item salad bar, a large candy bar selection, and various carbonated beverages

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(Continued from page 1) are some of St. Cecilia's popular selections not offered at MBA. One notable financial difference at St. Cecilia is that Junxion Foods adds \$140 per year (eighty cents per day) to tuition costs to insure a profit. "The girls usually buy more than eighty cents' worth, and they pay for the extra amount each day," said Gary Anderson. Nonetheless, Anderson believes this measure would be unnecessary at our school since MBA has more potential customers than St. Cecilia.

"Any leftovers at MBA would be leftovers from your own cafeteria."—Belle Meade Buffet

MBA has dealt with Junxion Foods in the past. For several years, the catering company has supplied the senior banquet before the prom; and Dr. Harold Crowell, MBA's junior class sponsor, praised Junxion Foods' service. "The food has been very good and very reasonably priced," he commented.

LUNCH AT FATHER RYAN

By Martin Brown

In September, a reporter from *The Bell Ringer* tested Father Ryan's food against the lunch offered at MBA. By comparison, the prices and quality of Father Ryan's meals from Harpeth Vending Company are superior.

Harpeth Vending Company caters to Ryan with a fast-food cafeteria called a speed line and with several vending machines. At the speed line, students can buy items like hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, containers of jello, and beverages every day. Only on certain days, does the cafeteria sell other items such as fish, fried chicken, chili, and soup. At the vending machines, students can buy candy bars, potato chips, cokes, ice cream bars, and cold sandwiches (ham, egg salad, bologna, and peanut butter). The only drawback is that Ryan does not sell hot vegetables, which are not very popular at MBA anyway. Nevertheless, Harpeth Vending offers a microwave oven for the students to use even if they use it for food brought from home.

However, the prices are so reasonable at Ryan's cafeteria that few students bring their lunches. Unlike MBA, Father Ryan receives a percentage of the cafeteria profits; yet, the prices remain slightly lower than MBA's prices. For instance, hamburgers are seventeen cents an ounce (4 oz. uncooked), and the average burger costs eighty-five cents. Even with the cheaper prices for this item,

as well as Junxion Foods, Harpeth Vending Company, which supplies Father Ryan's cafeteria and Park View Hospital's vending machines, has an interest in serving MBA. In past years, Harpeth sold food from vending machines only. However, the company raised its investment at Father Ryan to \$5,000 this summer by renovating the school's lunch room. The vendors installed a speed line that is comparable to a fast-food cafeteria. At the speed line, students can purchase hamburgers, cheeseburgers,

french fries, hot dogs, salads, cold drinks, and various desserts. Other selections like pizza, pizza, and fried chicken will soon be available. Harpeth Vending still offers some items from machines.

During a recent interview, Mr. Mark Morel, who directs Harpeth Vending's operations at Father Ryan, discussed the company's

success at the high school. Questioned about the speed line, Morel stated, "There have been thirty percent more sales because of the new addition." Describing the do-it-yourself aspect of the speed line, Morel remarked, "The beauty of it is that everyone gets to fix exactly what he wants. No one has an excuse for it not being as good as food at home because everyone can put what he wants on his food." After adding toppings to a hamburger or a salad from the salad bar, a student brings the item to either of the two new \$4500 cash registers. "These cash registers have scales on them, and certain items (like hamburgers and salads) are priced by the ounce," explained Morel. The cafeteria director said this system provides faster service for the students. Asked about Harpeth Vending's interest in MBA, Morel contends that the company would be willing to renovate MBA's cafeteria for installment of a speed line.

Although different plans for cafeteria management have arisen, the final decision about cafeteria service rests with the administration. To reveal the administration's views about the cafeteria at present, *The Bell Ringer* interviewed Headmaster Gordon E. Bondurant. When questioned about MBA's current contract, Bondurant responded, "We are not wedded to Belle Meade Buffet." Although he would not name the companies, our headmaster confirmed speculation that several other caterers want to serve MBA. Also, the headmaster explained his position about students' using the faculty's coke machine. Saying that no student can purchase the carbonated drinks because of their sugar content, Bondurant maintained, "Whenever anything might be sold on campus, I have to decide whether it can." Mr. Bondurant had no objections to a salad bar but

suggested that its popularity at other schools might be a result of the amount of girls at these schools. The senior class has considered giving a microwave oven to MBA, but the reaction of the faculty has not been entirely favorable. Asked for his opinion of a microwave oven in the cafeteria, Bondurant claimed he had not examined the issue and commented, "I do not know the rationale for our not having one. I do not have any objections to it at this point."

Also, Mr. Bondurant discussed the future of the school cafeteria. MBA has used the same lunch room for more than thirty years even though the number of students has doubled since then. Discussing the possibility of building a new cafeteria, Bondurant commented, "That possibility is farther down on the priority list than the possibility of renovating the one we have now." The headmaster said renovation of the cafeteria could likely be a result of the next fund raising campaign. In Mr. Bondurant's opinion, the school will never be able to afford operating the cafeteria by itself because of the amount of additional MBA employees this step would require.

Because the administration does not always reflect student views, *The Bell Ringer* interviewed

quality seems to change from day to day," said Rich. When asked about the coke machine, Rich replied, "I think the faculty should have a coke machine without students having access to it. On the other hand, I don't see anything wrong with students buying cokes during lunch periods."

Some other students have mentioned their hope for a better operating in the cafeteria. Sophomore Parish Lentz said, "The cafeteria is too small, inefficient, and kind of dirty." Scott Pulliam, another sophomore, argued that the quality of the food needs attention. Since the investigation of *The Bell Ringer*, Belle Meade Buffet has served the hamburgers with sesame seed buns, but one senior pointed out, "The meat is still the same."

Nonetheless, other students defend the cafeteria. Senior Bill Claunch believed the present operation is satisfactory. Several students originally from Ensworth said, "At least we can choose whether or not to buy the food." "The lunch at Ensworth is much worse than a MBA, added one of the students."

Regardless of the quality of the food, the recent evaluators of MBA contend that the problem in the cafeteria is the atmosphere. The evaluator from TPS maintained, "The cafeteria and kitchen need to

"The cafeteria and kitchen need to be gutted."—MBA Elevator

Student Council President Rich Good. Discussing the cafeteria prices, Good said, "I have heard several complaints about cost, and I have noticed it greatly myself. I do feel that the prices have risen quickly in recent years; however, I am not familiar with prices at other cafeterias." Commenting about quality, Rich stated, "I believe the quality of some items is below standard. "However, I have not gotten sick yet," he added jokingly. "On a serious note, the

cafeteria and kitchen need to be gutted and renovated." Also, he suggested, "The school should take out the existing stairway and put in one from the patio at the fire exit for efficiency."

Even though there have been no major changes in the cafeteria recently, both MBA and several catering services realize alterations may occur. The decision whether to make any changes ultimately rests with the administration with possible student and faculty input.

LUNCH AT ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

By John Hitt

As St. Cecilia's Junxion Foods makes its big play to supplant Belle Meade Buffet as a cheaper catering service to the MBA student, the bottom line is still the food. With the purpose of comparing the offerings of Junxion Foods with those of Belle Meade Buffet on the basis of size, taste, variety, and price, Martin Brown and I journeyed to St. Cecilia for lunch on September 25.

Choosing a meal comparative to

one available here, I sat down to rate the food at St. Cecilia. The first item that I selected was a piece of cheese pizza. It was much less greasy than that of MBA, but in taste was otherwise about the same. Unfortunately, it was about two-thirds the size of our pizza, and was therefore not very filling. Its price was fifty cents. At our school, it is eighty cents. The price differential is explained by the reduction in size, making it the same deal price-wise. Overall rating: about the same. The next item on my list was a plate of french fries. The word plate is used loosely; the term "small handful" is perhaps more accurate. In taste, I noted no appreciable difference. Its price however was thirty cents. On the Hill, this same item goes for a substantially higher price. As the serving was far less than that available here, the price is misleading, the MBA price ac-

tually being a much better deal. Overall rating: worse than MBA. My third selection was a bowl of jello. For the most part, jello is jello. A slight victory, nevertheless for Junxion Foods at twenty-five cents as opposed to our thirty cent price. In the vegetable department, the findings parallel those of the other areas: the same taste with lower prices, but smaller portions. Their price was thirty cents. At MBA, the price was forty cents. Overall rating: about the same. For dessert I had an ice cream sandwich similar to those at MBA. Junxion Foods won here with a price of thirty cents, beating our price by a nickel. Overall rating: better than MBA. In the beverage department, Junxion Foods again comes out on top with a price of twenty-five cents. At MBA, drinks are thirty-five cents. Two other offerings are available at St. Cecilia which are conspicuously absent from our lunch room. These items are a salad bar and a selection of candy, two things which might be a popular addition to our menu.

Ultimately, however, due to larger portions and more variety, the food on the Hill is a slight winner over that of St. Cecilia. If the decision were mine to make, I would stick with Belle Meade Buffet.

School	Lunch Service	Cost of Typical Meal
Brentwood	operated by the school	\$1.40
Father Ryan	Harpeth Vending	\$1.75
Franklin Road	operated by the school	\$2.25
Harpeth Hall	Belle Meade Buffet	paid with tuition
MBA	Belle Meade Buffet	\$1.80
St. Bernard's	Canteen Company	\$1.45
St. Cecilia	Junxion Foods	partially paid with tuition

These figures show the cost of a hamburger, french fries, and a drink, but the size of the items may differ.

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Dr. Frank Jones
Aaron Isherwood executes an eddy turn on the Hiawassee River.

Outing Club Tests Whitewater

By John Erwin

On the weekend of September 12, the MBA Outing Club started off the year with a whitewater canoe trip down the Hiawassee and Nanahala rivers.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, our canoeing instructors taught techniques and water safety as essential parts of the trip. The night before the departure, the Outing Club held an orientation meeting in the Art Room. On Friday afternoon, both novice and experienced canoeists of the club loaded up their gear in preparation for a wet weekend.

The canoe and kayak run down the Hiawassee River in eastern Tennessee on Saturday started with a morning's briefings on whitewater strokes. As the day progressed, the beginners of the sport learned the techniques of ferrying, making eddy turns, and whitewater paddling. Mr. Womack and Charlie Cox became comfortable with the kayaks while other canoeists played the rapids, sometimes by running them backwards or by standing up.

On Sunday, the group canoed the Nanahala River, which sits in a gorge in North Carolina. The Nanahala, which means "river of the noon-day sun," was very cold; and by noon, it was also very crowded. However, the river provided whitewater action with endless standing waves and class II and III rapids. Although we swam one of the canoes and creased it as it was unwedged from a rock, the experience gained on the Hiawassee proved to be helpful when riding out the runs on the Nanahala. The day came to a perfect ending with a challenging run down the Nanahala Falls, which is a class IV rapid because of its difficult drop and turbulence. The falls were no problem to most—Mr. Womack and Dan Jones ran it in a swamped canoe, and Dr. and Mrs. Jones were so good that they did not even need a canoe at all. After a long drive to Nashville in the early morning, our tired group started another typical day at school.

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Car Theft at MBA

By Page Garrett

In October, Tommy Duncan's 1979 Honda Civic and Mark Robinson's hubcaps were stolen in broad daylight from the parking lot of Vine Street Christian Church. In addition, some thieves took parts from a truck engine in the MBA parking lot.

Two weeks after Mark Robinson's hubcaps disappeared, vandals stole Duncan's Honda, which he won two years ago in the MBA Spaghetti Supper raffle. Although Tommy found broken glass near the spot where he had parked his car on October twelfth, the automobile had disappeared.

The same day, Metro police

located Duncan's car in a parking lot near Lafayette Street. The vandals had stripped the car of its battery, radio, tires, and rims. Numerous dents covered the sheet metal of the car. The damage to the car itself was approximately \$1400 worth.

Several items belonging to Duncan inside the car had also been stolen. Among these items were a set of golf clubs and a box of cassette tapes. The total value of the items removed from the car was approximately \$1200.

Because the thieves had also removed the license plate of the car, Metro police determined the identity of the car's owner only after three days of working on the

case. Metro police notified Duncan of the location of his car on October fifteenth.

After Tom Higgins' truck was raided for a carburetor and distributor two weeks afterwards, the administration told students to be careful in a speech in assembly. In a recent interview, Assistant Headmaster Michael Drake explained the school reaction to the thefts. "Short of patrolling the parking lot, I don't know how we can prevent this," Drake commented. Believing theft prevention remains with the students, Drake said, "If students would be aware of any unusual behavior in the parking lot, it would help."

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for completion toward the end of the last school year. Each committee was to submit an introduction to the facet of MBA life that it had studied, commendations on the qualities worth keeping, and recommendations for changes to be made before the next evaluation in ten years. The Steering Committee, headed by Dr. Crowell, organized these reports into one, with each report as a chapter of the whole. This report, after having been revised by the visiting committee, serves as a written summary of what goes on in the school and as a handbook for student activities, more attention toward career guidance, more careful planning of assemblies to avoid useless ones, a speech requirement which puts a lighter load on students, and a cleaner or possibly new cafeteria were among the most major changes recommended by these committees.

Among the many recommendations made in the self study, the most prominent were smaller classes, increased facilities, and better satisfaction data kept on student testing and the relationship of these tests to performance in the classroom. In addition, most

committees had unique requests which, if enacted, may greatly benefit future MBA students.

The recommendations by the Student Activities and Student Services Committees will probably, in the long run, effect student life more than recommendations of other committees because of their proximity to the students. An improved school calendar to avoid overlaps of student activities, more attention toward career guidance, more careful planning of assemblies to avoid useless ones, a speech requirement which puts a lighter load on students, and a cleaner or possibly new cafeteria were among the most major changes recommended by these committees.

Of course, changes in facilities will also have great impact on MBA students. Almost all committees asked for some additional facilities. The committee specified for this purpose asked for more storage space for all departments in the school (athletic and

academic), a more organized parking system, and possibly a new assembly hall which would furnish all students adequately.

However, other committees asked for additional facilities not mentioned by the Facilities Committee. The art department suggested a new auditorium and the science department asked for an additional lab, but probably the most major changes were recommended by the athletic department. The Athletic Committee requested a new gymnasium with wrestling and weight rooms, a new football stadium filled in underneath for concessions and storage, and lights for the soccer field and baseball diamond. Also, all reports seemed to point toward the necessity of additional classrooms, particularly for the junior school.

Most academic committees also requested minor changes within their own departments which would not effect the school as a whole very much. For instance the language department suggested incorporating languages in the junior school curriculum, offering an AP Spanish course, and having a conversational language class instead of athletics one day a week for language students.

The self study of MBA has helped us to look at ourselves as an institution, to see what faults and what attributes we have. The visiting committee report also helped a great deal by showing us what outsiders thought of us. It will be interesting to see exactly what their thoughts were.

Letter to the Editor

"Let us all bow our heads in the name of Jesus," says Oscar Roan, prominent member of the F.C.A. Throughout the year, the student body is exposed to many speakers with religion as their outline. Although I have great respects for the ideas of ministers, rabbis, and organizations of religion, I don't believe the views of religion should be openly exposed at MBA. Ob-

viously, MBA's predominant religion of the student body is Christianity; however, our school is not affiliated with a church, and pious teachings are not incorporated in our constitution. My thoughts are not to be taken as criticism, but I feel our school is not a place to expound religious beliefs.

Mark Pollack

College Representatives Schedule

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Nov. 11—

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The Music Scene

Journey Rocks Nashville

By Frank Benett

On the night of Wednesday, October 28, before an elevated sellout crowd at Municipal Auditorium, Journey and their opening group Lover Boy put on a stunning show of musical brilliance. Lover Boy opened up the show with a respectable forty-five minute set best summarized by concert-goer David Williamson when he said: "They were a really nice band!" After a brief intermission, Journey came on stage and opened up with the title track off their current album *Escape*. They proceeded to play various songs from their previous albums *Evolution*, *Departure*, and *Captured*; however, as avid Journey fan Sean Gentry said in despair, "Hey man, they didn't play enough stuff from *Infinity*..." Another bad point about the show was the lack of special effects that usually accompany such "supergroups." However, before the happy audience knew it, Journey had finished their ninety-minute set, climaxed by their hit song "Wheel In The Sky." Disappointing to Journey fan Steve Anderson, Journey ended their encore with that be-bop, AM radio song "Any Way You Want It." One bright spot of the performance was the seemingly good show put on by new band member Jona than Cain (keyboards, guitar, vocals). In general, a good time was had by all, including Kirk Francis who described the concert perfectly when he said: "I had a glorious time—it was simply divine."

Junior School...

Recently, the junior school held its elections. The new class officers are as follows:

7B: Brennan Martin, President
John Joe, Vice-President
Christopher Fly, Sec.-Treas.

7F: Charles Mayes, President
Matt Kneeland, Vice-President
Scott Sprague, Sec.-Treas.

7N: Chris Burch, President
Todd Cassety, Vice-President
Andy Davis, Sec.-Treas.

8C: Sam Howard, President
Jay Owen, Vice-President
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8G: Jay Schmitt, President
Takis Patikas, Vice-President
Jeff Dale, Sec. - Treas.

8S: Pat Parker, President
George Mabry, Vice-President
Bill Cochran, Sec.-Treas.

Seen recently practicing his high-jumping form: Paul Soper. Ready for track season, Paul?... An unknown junior schooler was seen the night of the Hillwood game painting at Ensworth. He was believed to have had only one ear... Bill Cochran won \$50.00 by being the second-best ticket salesman... Congratulations, Bill... Congrats also to the Microbe Football team for the best Microbe record in six years... Way to go, Tommy Godbold: leading the Junior School in demerits...

New Album a True Rocker

By Tom Wood

The first recorded offering from Nashville White Animals is *Nashville Babylon*, an independently produced extended-play collection of six songs.

Briefly I shall give you my biased opinion of the album. It is hot. *Nashville Babylon* captures the essence of the high-energy, driving musical style which has made the White Animals one of the most popular bands on the Southern college-club circuit. From Kevin Gray's haunting vocals on "For Your Love" to Steve Boyd's throbbing bass line on "Jazzmaster" to the blazing guitar work of Willie Collins and drumming of Ray Crabtree on "Tobacco Road," the album is a masterpiece of "dread-beat," animalistic rock and roll.

A hidden masterpiece, unfortunately. For, energetic though the album is, it lacks that essential element of any modern musical product: the "label." Without a Columbia, or Epic, or Atlantic behind them, the band still produced a better album than they would have with a label, but you will never hear the White Animals on KDF. Why? Because the record companies flood the radio stations with advertising revenue, and the stations reciprocate by playing the advertised musical product. Over and over again.

Quality of music notwithstanding. (Did you ever wonder how Christopher Cross ever got onto the radio?) This situation is a thinly veiled version of what is known as *payola*—an illegal practice, the accusations of which almost destroyed the music industry in the early 1960's. So you will not hear *Nashville Babylon* on the air, because the White Animals—members of no union, owned by no company, ever the victims of the harassment and prejudice of the musical establishment because of their nonconforming independence—don't play the payola game. They play rock as it is meant to be played. Food for thought, isn't it?

Return of the White Animals

By Mark Atkinson
and Jeff Edwards

On Tuesday, October 28, the upper school received a break from the monotony of eighth period study hall when the White Animals invaded the Hill to promote their new album *Nashville Babylon*.

MBA was alive with excitement as the student body eagerly anticipated the visit from the White Animals, one of the most popular bands in the Southeast. The band opened up the set with their versions of two rock classics, "Steppin' Stone" and "I Gotta Move." Lead man Kevin Gray skillfully led the band through these standards, to the appreciation of the literally captive audience. The Animals then launched into a group of songs from their first album. The band performed a trio of original compositions from the album: "Only Sorry," "Need Somebody to Love Me," and "I Need You." In

these tunes, the 60's, Beatle-like influences are easily discernable. Also from the album, but not original compositions, they played "For Your Love" by the Yardbirds and "Tobacco Road." The crowd seemed to grow restless during the Animals' rather drawn out version of the B-52's "Planet Claire." The tempo, however, increased at the end of the White Animals' appearance with their original song "Rock and Roll Part Two." This appeared to be the group's most successful original song even though much of the audience, in a gesture utterly devoid of class, departed in the middle of it due to the termination of eighth period. Before departing from the MBA campus, the White Animals invited the audience once more that their new album would be sold in local record stores.

Barbara Mandrell Sings at MBA

By Tom Wood

The MBA community was treated on Friday, October 30, to the unusual spectacle of a nationwide television special being filmed by country-music superstar Barbara Mandrell.

After the television equipment had been set up, Ms. Mandrell arrived in a large brown Bronco for the filming session on Frank Andrews Field. The students on 4th period lunch break strained to get a better look from various vantage points as Ms. Mandrell, dressed as

a cheerleader, sang one song for the special.

The program, entitled "A Salute to the Good Times" will air as a syndicated special in early December. Hosted by The Statler Brothers, it stars Roy Rogers, Conway Twitty, Janie Fricke, Chet Atkins, and Brenda Lee in addition to Ms. Mandrell. In her scene, Ms. Mandrell portrays a cheerleader in the 1950's. To contribute to the nostalgic effect, the song is filmed in "sepia-tone" (similar to black-and-white).

A spokesman for the television company cited MBA's "picturesque" football field as the reason that our campus was chosen over a dozen other possible filming sites. The old facility contributes to the "nostalgic" effect of the scene. The surprise appearance of the radiant Ms. Mandrell, whose NBC variety show is among the most successful on television, was a welcome break from the humdrum ennui of another Friday on the Hill.

Class News

Juniors...

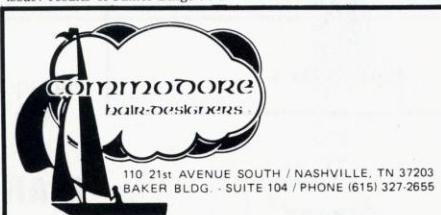
Hello, we're your Junior Class correspondents. Since the material herein may be detrimental to our health, we'll go by the secret code of "Roughrider" and "Trojan." Every issue, we'll case all the junior activity present—from Carter's latest score to Smith's vain attempts to be the class gigolo. So beware! Now on with the burning of these slots... After the first MBA dance, a new surge of enlistments swarm into Whiteaker's O.A. club—who needs a date?... Fife grows visible moustache... Julio's dating Elizabeth—wow, that's really ethnic!... Gosh, Terry, you're such a nerd!... Junior Class pride reaches new low at pep rally... Inflation and Herbert's nose continue to grow no end in sight... will Smith relive his big mistake at Edwards' next party?... Levy named Grand Tonguemaster of Kiss fan club... Leslie leaves trail of dented fenders and mangled bodies wherever he goes... Robinson borrows brother's toupee for homecoming... Brown: no comment... Next issue: results of Junior Binge...

Seniors...

Authority figures seen lurking in kitchen at Ed's homecoming breakfast—disappointment reigns because of absence of traditional "storm-troopers"... "I was not trying to fly!" says a sore Sean Gentry, after practicing his free-fall technique from a local retaining wall... speaking of aerial projectiles, the perpetrators of a vicious rodent-assault on unsuspecting Rob Doster in the library remain at large. Doster suffered a neck bruise when struck by a dead squirrel flying at a high speed from the balcony. Mrs. Simmons termed the act "disgusting and immature"... attention all Seniors: organizational meeting of the Joseph Conrad Fan Club will be held this Friday at 3:00 at Jonesy's... Absentees on theme day included honorary-senior-MBA Grad Rick Carter. Old habits die hard?... MBA's first draft dodger: former student Greg Carlson, now living the life of an expatriate in Canada... and the Senior Slide rolls on...

Alumni...

STILL ON THE FIELD: TOM MOORE ('80) starting at safety for Vanderbilt... At Sewanee, starters include quarterback ROBERT HOLLAND ('78), PETE DELAY ('78), DAVID DUKE ('79), and DAVID PACK ('80)... SCOTT MERCY ('79), now attending U. of Denver, reportedly sports an earring (sacré-bleu!)... ROB DAUGHERTY and friend recently accosted by right-wing activists outside Bishops Corner... In other alum news, ROBIN BEARD ('55) is still in Congress (soon to be in the Senate?), TOM CRAIN ('69) is still playing the guitar, and SAM DAVIS is still dead.





Several parents admire Red Grooms' works. Bert Chaffin

Red Grooms' Art Displayed

By Robert Cooney

A show of the works of Red Grooms was on display from September 20 to October 9 in the Patrick Wilson Library.

Grooms was born in Nashville and graduated in 1955 from Hillsboro High School. That year, he was awarded a scholarship to study art in Chicago. After studying in Chicago and briefly in Boston, Grooms found his way to New York in 1958, arriving at the same time as several of the famous pop artists. Since then, Grooms has steadily climbed to occupy a place of importance in New York art circles. He is probably best known for his miniature New York City, known as *Ruckus Manhattan*.

The show itself, the second major display of Grooms' works in as many months in Nashville, ranks as the most important exhibit ever held at MBA and probably as the most representative show of Red Grooms ever staged in Nashville. One may follow his evolution from his high school days up to the present.

The show is the result of contributions from various private collections in Nashville. Among the contributors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grooms; former MBA teacher Louise LeQuire; Mrs. Ann Orth, currently a member of the faculty; Mr. and Mrs. Myron King, proprietors of Lyon's, a local gallery; and Walter Kneestrick, a life-long friend of Grooms.

Among some of his most interesting works are *Tennessee State Fair* from 1955, the work which won Grooms a scholarship; a work also from 1955 depicting Walter Kneestrick; and *The Horse and the Knight*, a work accompanying a high school project on Chaucer. *The Violin Player* and *Portrait* show his career as it begins to blossom.

Grooms gives us scenes from a variety of places: among those depicted are Nashville, New York, Martha's Vineyard, St. Thomas, and France. The representation of an aqueduct in France, recognized for its great color, was probably the most valuable piece in the show. *Lady on the Beach*, done during a vacation to Martha's Vineyard, appeared in *Newsweek*.

The show included three portraits of former President Carter, all done in 1976, when he was a

stimulus to the mind and wholesale drug abuse. "This mind stimulation," said Leary, "is what will indirectly propel us into the future and into space, which is man's next ecological niche." He also emphasized his belief that the brain is pure at birth, but is ruined by society. On the whole, Dr. Timothy Leary's radical philosophy of life is a harsh, unconventional look at today's society.

candidate. Each in a different medium, they emphasize the famous smile. One of the portraits was executed for the cover of *Time*; however, the magazine was unable to use it because of its three-dimensional character.

The highlight of the entire show came at the opening on Sunday, September 20. On that day Red Grooms' film, *Ruckus Manhattan* (of which only two copies exist) was shown. The film follows Grooms as he constructs his New York facsimile of the same name.

The film is slightly risqué. Grooms displays life in New York as it is; therefore, he does not hesitate to display some of the more unseemly sides of the "Big Apple." The movie not only preserves *Ruckus Manhattan* for posterity, but also provides an insight into Grooms' style and ideas. One may see abstract models of Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, and the World Trade Center, just to name a few. Because of his work, Grooms was written up in several national magazines, including *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *Art News*.

This show gave those who attended a taste of Red Grooms' versatility and evolution. One may see Red Grooms' amazing sense of humor, his tongue-in-cheek look at life. One may come to grips with his mixture of reality and the abstract. Furthermore, one may observe the childlike characteristic that gives Grooms' work its distinctive touch. Finally, with the showing of the film, this show's organizers were able to give the viewer a look at the complete Red Grooms. One could see Red Grooms the artist, Red Grooms the filmmaker, Red Grooms the sculptor, Red Grooms the comic, and Red Grooms the satirist.

The Grooms exhibit proved to be a smashing success. Over 100 people attended the opening (the most ever for an MBA art exhibit) and over 60 stayed to view the film. Attendance remained high throughout the duration of the exhibit, as several groups and numerous individuals dropped by to browse through.

Debaters Uphold Tradition

By Wyatt Wells

The first trips of the Forensics team has been very successful. At the first Student Congress, Sept. 29, Wyatt Wells and Lyn Robbins were elected Presiding Officers of the Senate and House respectively. The next week at Austin Peay State University Tournament, MBA did extremely well. John Heer won fourth place in extemporaneous speaking, and the novice team of Doug Johnson and Kyle Hardin won third place in Novice Debate. In Varsity Debate, the team of Robert Brandau and Griffin Vincent won fourth place; Sam Chang and Ty Brown won third; Lyn Robbins and Brian

Hassel won second; and the team of Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells won first place. MBA also captured the top 8 speaker awards, with Lyn Robbins and Wyatt Wells tying for second and Craig Franklin placing first. The next weekend at Maplewood High School, Sam Chang and Ty Brown won second place and Lyn Robbins and Brian Hassel won first. The team of Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells were also undefeated but failed to place due to clerical errors. At the prestigious Mars Hill Tournament, MBA also did well, with Tony Rafolski winning second in Round Robin and Tournament, and many tournaments on the National Circuit.

Kono and Ran Van Riper breaking into finals in extemporaneous speaking. In Varsity Debate, Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells advanced to octo-finals, losing a close round to Grissom High School from Huntsville, while Lyn Robbins and Brian Hassel advanced to quarter-finals, and Sam Chang and Ty Brown to semi-finals; both losing to Pace High School from Atlanta, who was the eventual winners of the tournament. In the coming weeks, MBA Forensics will attend the Madison-Overton Tournament, Grissom's Tournament, the MTSU Round Robin and Tournament, and many tournaments on the National Circuit.

Timothy Leary Speaks At Vandy

By Robert McConnell
and Mark Oldham

On the night of October 1, 250 people gathered in Vanderbilt's Underwood Auditorium to hear Dr. Timothy Leary, the outspoken symbol of America's drug culture, speak. Due to Dr. Leary's notoriety, the crowd exceeded the auditorium's capacity, and many were turned away at the door.

Dr. Leary, a former Harvard professor, has always been a controversial figure in American

society. His unorthodox philosophy of life, and experiments with hallucinogenic drugs while at Harvard in the 1960's, have made him a cult figure throughout the country. These experiments led to indictments and imprisonment. Leary has also run for governor of California, and he is one of the forerunners of the Humanist philosophy of life. Some of Leary's contemporaries in the '60's included Allen Ginsberg, Andy Warhol, and Aldous Huxley.

The first half of Dr. Leary's lecture dealt with the past. Among other things, he poked fun at religion, evolution, and formal education. The second part of his speech was less entertaining, but still interesting. This half was the gist of his presentation. Leary emphasized the future of man, rather than the preceding discussion of the past. His lecture now sobered up a bit. Dr. Leary made the distinction between his advocacy of limited drug use to

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Cross Country Vies for State Championship



Gordon Strayhorn

Rich Good leads teammate John Dale past the two-mile mark in the A.F. Bridges Invitational.

J. V. Cross Country

By Greg Moore

This year's J.V. cross country team has run very well so far this season. Although the scores of B-team meets are not officially kept by the NIL, Mr. Drake does keep the records.

In the Antioch Invitational, the team finished a strong second out of twenty teams, behind powerful Oak Ridge. The top runners for MBA were freshman Rob Alley who finished second out of 120 runners with his praiseworthy time of 17:28. Rounding out the top eight for MBA were freshman Pat Rau, eleventh; junior Andrew Schenker, thirteenth; freshman Scott Garfinkel, fourteenth; sophomore Elliott Sloan, fifteenth; junior Steve Shankle, sixteenth; sophomore Billy Treanor, eighteenth; and sophomore Kyle Knight, twenty-ninth.

In the A.F. Bridges Invitational,

MBA outclassed all of its NIL competition. Elliott Sloan led the team with his sixth place finish and his time of 17:42. Rounding out the top five were Chris Guzikowski, eighth; Pat Rau, fifteenth; Andrew Schenker and Kyle Knight. In the NIL championship meet, MBA staged a shutout on all of the competition by taking the first five places. Rob Alley won the meet with a time of 16:57. MBA's next four were Chris Guzikowski, Elliott Sloan, Pat Rau, and Andrew Schenker. Last Saturday, MBA outclassed all of its competition in the Regional meet to seal another undefeated season.

Mr. Drake believes that this is one of the strongest B-teams in years. With the varsity team losing 3 of its top 7 runners next year, these young men should figure prominently in MBA's future cross country fortunes.

On October seventeenth, Northside hosted the first meet of the HVAC Championship. MBA finished third with 67 points behind Northside with 27 points, and Brentwood with 63 points. In a scrimmage on October twenty-first, McMurray barely defeated MBA by the score of 32-27. Three days later, the second part of the HVAC Championships were held at MBA to conclude the Microbe team's season. In this championship meet, MBA finished second with 60 points behind Northside, which had 18. In the combined results of the two championship meets, MBA had 127 points and finished third behind Northside with 45 points and Brentwood with 125 points. In all of these efforts, the whole team ran well and showed that the MBA Microbe cross country team was one of the strongest in the HVAC.

The team fared well in the preliminary meets. In their opening meet, the Microbe runners defeated arch rival Ensworth, 20-45. On September twenty-fourth, the team recorded its first shutout in years against BGA by the score of 15-70. The third meet of the season included five teams and over 100 people; MBA scored 48 points and finished second to a tough Northside team with 20 points.

By Martin Brown
and Chris Guzikowski

Under the guidance of Coach Michael Drake and Coach Robert Pruitt, the varsity cross country team has compiled one of the best records in its history.

MBA had an overall dual meet record of 11-1 and other undefeated season in NIL competition with an 8-0 finish. The team placed second in both the Antioch and A.F. Bridges Invitations, and by winning the NIL and Regional Championships, the team qualified for the state meet tomorrow at the Steeplechase.

In dual meet action, the runners defeated NIL competitors Hillsboro Hillwood, Antioch, Overton, Glenciff, McGavock, and Father Ryan, Pearl, and Franklin. In Midstate action, MBA topped perennial power Clarksville Northwest but lost a hard-fought meet to Dickson County at Dickson's own challenging course.

MBA enters the state championship meet with an excellent team. Juniors Allen Moore and Walt Zibas have consistently led the team while co-captains Rich Good and Steve Stevens have provided valuable leadership. Newcomer John Dale has been an immeasurable addition to the team, and Robert McConnell has improved greatly. All of the team members are candidates for various post-season honors.

Two team members have broken the 16:00 barrier. Allen Moore has set 3 new school records. His best time of 14:59 came in the Regional meet. Walt Zibas ran the team's second best time of 15:30 in the NIL

Championship.

The cross country team members have their pre-season goal of the state title within reach, and Coach Drake expects an outstanding performance. After the loss to Memphis Christian Brothers in the A.F. Bridges meet, Drake said, "I think we got beaten by a team that is better than us now, but I think we will close the gap on them by November seventh." If the team's enthusiasm for the state meet is an indication, MBA has closed the gap.

Antioch Invitational

The Big Red placed second in a challenging field of twenty-seven teams at the Steeplechase. MBA lost to state power Oak Ridge by three points. Allen Moore placed second while losing only to Kendall Gooch Brooks High in Florence, Alabama. Walt Zibas finished second for MBA and defeated NIL star Scott Moreno of Stratford. Completing the top 7 were Rich Good, who placed nineteenth; John Dale, twenty-seventh; Steve Stevens, fortieth; Chris Guzikowski, forty-first; and Martin Brown, fifty-third. Moore, Zibas, Good, and Dale received trophies for their efforts.

A. F. Bridges Invitational

In the most competitive meet of the season, MBA thrashed more than forty-five teams represented to finish second only to Memphis Christian Brothers. Out of a field of almost three hundred runners, Allen Moore placed fourth while running a school record time of

15:21. Walt Zibas placed tenth with his time of 15:41. MBA's pack included Steve Stevens, who placed twenty-first; Rich Good, thirty-first; John Dale, forty-sixth; Martin Brown, sixty-third; and Robert McConnell, sixty-fifth.

N.I.L. Championships

MBA humbled all NIL competition by winning the city championship. Runner-up Stratford was ninety-nine points behind MBA. Allen Moore and Walt Zibas led the team with their fourth and fifth place finishes and with times of 15:28 and 15:29. Placing fifteenth, Steve Stevens edged out Robert McConnell who placed sixteenth. John Dale finished eighteenth to round out MBA's first five. Martin Brown placed twenty-second, and Rich Good placed twenty-third. All of the team members received trophies for their places.

Region V Championships

Last Saturday, MBA won the Regional Championship and qualified for the state meet along with runner-up Ryan. Losing by a few feet, Allen Moore became the first MBA runner ever to finish the three-mile Steeplechase course in less than 15:00. Beaten only by Al Bates from NCS, Allen Moore set a school record of 14:59. After Allen, Walt Zibas placed seventh; Steve Stevens, sixteenth; John Dale, eighteenth; Rich Good, nineteenth; Martin Brown, twenty-third; and Robert McConnell, thirty-fifth.

Microbe J. V.

By Jim Brown

The Microbe J.V. football team, under Coach John Saclarides and Coach Mike Zernanko, has posted a 2-4 record.

The team beat a good Goodpasture team twice, 12-0 and 20-6. In both games, Will Meyer and Kevin Rhodes played exceptionally well at quarterback. Monsterman Chris Burch (shades of big brother) and linebacker Skip Burke starred on defense. "Workhorse" Harry Piazza ran the football well and drew great praise from the coaching staff.

Although MBA lost 18-24, the team forced a tremendous Tiger team from Ensworth into double overtime in a hard-fought game. Coach Saclarides believes the team "had talent and worked hard all season."

Microbes Post Winning Season

By Runcie Clements

The mighty Microbe football team, led by coach Bill Compton and captains Paul Soper and Takis Patikas, completed the year with a 6-2 record, the best Microbe season in six years.

The Microbes got off to a quick 5-0 start with victories over FRA, Ezell-Harding, David Lipscomb, Ensworth, and Page. They then lost two hard fought games to Northside and Brentwood but finished the season with a 20-0 win over arch-rival Ensworth.

The Microbe team's consistent play in the line and backfield execution gave the Big Red a potent offense. Behind center Jay Schmitt, Mike Blade and Takis Patikas shared time at the quarterback position, and John Jenkins gave the Microbes a good running attack. The team also had two quality receivers, Brad Fuson at split end and Nick Sieveking at tight end.

Talbot "Stop" Master at middle linebacker and Chuck Brandon at noseguard led the crushing defense. Safety Mike Blade returned two pass interceptions for touchdowns, and tackles Jay Owen and Rob Page played hard at the front line. The Microbe players had an impressive season and show promise for contributing greatly to future MBA football teams.

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Varsity Football Seeks Revenge Against Ryan

By Tom Wood
and Jim Brown

Facing worthy opponents each week, the Varsity Football team has compiled a 5-4 record going into tonight's game with Father Ryan High School. Although hopes for a bowl berth have been dashed by a crippling series of injuries, the youthful squad can salvage a winning season with a victory over the favored Irish, who downed the Big Red 27-6 earlier this year.

MBA 8, Springfield 7

The first game pitted MBA against midstate powerhouse Springfield at Frank Andrews Field. The contest was a cliffhanger to the end, as the visitors maintained a 7-0 lead with three minutes left to play. Finally the offense mounted a sustained drive, having blown numerous earlier opportunities with fumbles and penalties. In his first varsity start, quarterback Bobby Morales showed great poise in moving the team downfield. Morales tallied the score on a keeper up the middle, and then lofted a pass over the defense to tight end Clay Young, scoring the two-point conversion and giving MBA a hard-fought 8-7 victory.

Overton 19, MBA 7

The Big Red opened up the game early with a 66-yard scoring strike from Morales to flanker Mark Hastings, but the Bobcats quickly retaliated in this crucial District Game, with quarterback Mark Feemster plunging three yards to tie the game. In a tight defensive struggle, the score remained tied until the third quarter, when a 20-yard field goal gave the Bobcats a 10-7 lead. Moments later, MBA punter Billy Rolfe bobbled the snap from center and was tackled for a safety. ~~He controlled the ball for much of the fourth quarter,~~

By Ken Downey
and Ally Faqua

The MBA-Father Ryan rivalry has become one of the most fearsome and highly publicized contests in the state. To most, the contest is merely a big district game. To the players and coaches of both teams, however, a win could mean a highly successful season. It seems that when ex-players speak of their senior year, the MBA-Ryan game stands foremost in their memories. Not only is the same surrounded by hoopla, but the winner is usually catapulted into the playoffs.

On the day of the game, slogans

Ryan Rivalry Has Deep History

by Ken Downey
and Ally Faqua

are rampant. "Watermelon, watermelon, Ryan, Ryan!" and "I'd rather be dead than red!" obscure the fences of the stadium. This heated rivalry has brought about the painting of school property (both in red and in purple), burnings-in-effigy of the opposition, and occasional weekend fistfights. The rivalry stems from three main conflicts: the proximity of the schools, their proud traditions of independent competitiveness, and the general socioeconomic differences in the composition of the student bodies.

This year is no exception. Both teams need a victory in Vanderbilt Stadium tonight before a crowd possibly in excess of 5,000 people in order to qualify for a bowl bid or more importantly a state playoff berth. Emotion is such an integral part of this game that often previous records mean little, for on a given night either team could win if the "ball bounces in the right direction." One thing is for sure, though. This year's game, like so many others, will be a hard-fought, intense battle in which the best fundamental team will win.

J. V. Football Shows Promise

By Jeff Gaw

The MBA Junior Varsity Football Team has shown progressive improvement at the advent of a new season. In two consecutive home contests, the J.V. Red was thwarted in attempts at winning. In the opener with district rival Overton, the offense got off to a sluggish start with ball control troubles which led to a 28-0 loss. The offense was directed by junior Todd Helm and sophomores Will Nowell and John Morrissey at the quarterback position. Successive gains by fullback Bo Adams fell short in an attempt for a sustained drive. The J.V. defense was led by defensive end Lon

Whiteaker, linebacker Scott Albright, cornerback Lee Bryant, and nose guard Thomas Warren, who recovered key fumbles.

The second matchup was with archrival Ryan. An early end zone fumble was discouraging, but the Red gathered steam after Ryan went into the half with a 19-0 lead. The J.V. offensive machine put the ball over the line with amazing catches by tight end Matt Drury and an incredible tip from Drury to split end Chris Hines, who scampered 55 yards for the touchdown. The defense played well except for a couple of key plays which kept the opponent in the game. Linebacker Scott Albright, corner-

back Lee Bryant, and defensive end Parish Lentz led the defense. When the final buzzer sounded, the Big Red had suffered a discouraging 38-24 defeat.

After this exciting game, the J.V. did not play one of its better games against the Hillwood Hilltoppers. Hillwood consistently found its receivers open in the Big Red secondary, despite good pass rushes from Ron Deal, Bryan Lewis, and Matt Drury. The offense never got untracked except for a touchdown pass from Will Nowell to Currey Hall which was nullified because of a penalty. The final result was a 25-0 Hilltopper victory.

Tennessee powerhouse, took the early lead over MBA on a short run by tailback Mike Stone, but the Big Red came right back to score on the patented Morales-to-Downey combination, this one a picture-perfect 32-yard toss. The conversion kick, however, failed. Both defenses tightened up. The conversion kick, however, failed. Both defenses tightened up, but Farragut pushed across the final touchdown on Stone's five-yard run, sending MBA down to defeat.

MBA 37, Pearl 22

In a "wild and woolly" contest at Pearl's stadium, the Dust Bowl, MBA outlasted the tough Tigers. Hardy Burch again scored on defense, carrying a blocked punt 33 yards to put MBA on top. But Pearl's outstanding back Lavoisier Fisher came back with a touch-down and two-point conversion to give Pearl the lead. Trailing 15-14 at the half, the Big Red came back to take the lead for good on Ken Downey's 22-yard run in the third period. David Rader and Lex Harvey also scored for MBA, whose season record stood even at 3-3.

MBA 14, Antioch 0

The Big Red whitewashed Antioch, to the amusement of a large homecoming crowd at Andrews Field. After a scoreless first half, Clay Young grabbed Morales pass for one score and David Rader rammed for the other to give MBA a key District win. Rader rushed for 77 of the team's 182 total yards on the ground in a defensive ball game.

MBA 24, Hillsboro 0

The defense recorded its second consecutive shutout as big Billy Rolfe rambled for 98 yards and a touchdown in leading MBA to another District 11-AAA victory. Burch and Morales each scored touchdowns as well, and Scott

Haynes added a 32-yard field goal and all three conversions in his best kicking night all year.

Glenciff 14, MBA 7

Glenciff's giant-killing Colts did it again, downing a squad that was probably thinking more about Father Ryan the following week. Earlier this year, the Colts upset Ryan, throwing the District race into a quandary. Against Glenciff, MBA took the lead on Rolfe's short plunge in the second quarter, but the Colts came back to score on two third-quarter runs by Keith

Paskett of 61 and 10 yards. The loss dampened the Big Red's hopes of a bowl bid, as the record fell to 5-4.

Although the team has seen rough times this year, it is important to bear in mind that the majority of the players will return next year, including Morales, Burch, the injured David Maddox, Lex Harvey, and Jeff Gaw. With an experienced squad next year, one may expect to see MBA in the same position this time next year as experienced Overton is this year.



Gordon Strayhorn
Taking a lateral from Bobby Morales, Hardy Burch prepares to turn the corner against Overton.

Freshman Football

By Jim Brown
and Stephen Young

"The MBA Freshman Football team has the potential to be one of the best I've ever seen," said coach Michael Caldwell at the beginning of the year. The Big Red opened its season with a 7-0 win over Hillsboro. Dawson Thomas accounted for the touchdown on a quick counter play that went for 35 yards. The tough MBA defense was led by Rob Briley and Bob Ledyard.

In a fiercely contested defensive battle, the Big Red lost 8-0 decision to their second opponent, the Overton Bobcats. A missed field goal and defensive errors crippled the Big Red's chances for victory. The lone, heartbreaking touchdown came with only 38 seconds left in the game, as Overton completed a long pass to send the squad down to defeat.

In their third game, the fresh men rolled over Apollo 40-0. Harry Peffen scored three of the team's six touchdowns; Steve Rollins (twice) and Bruce Francis accounted for the other three scores. Robin Henderson and John Robbins led the defense with crucial pass interceptions.

In the fourth game of the season, the Big Red faced a physical Northside team and lost 14-7. The MBA touchdown was scored by

Harry Peffen while Robert Black booted the extra point.

Bouncing back from defeat, MBA ripped Hillwood's Hilltoppers 20-0. While the offense scored three times (2 TD's from Peffen, one from tailback Steve Rollins), the defense shut down Hillwood completely.

The Big Red then romped over previously undefeated Glenciff 15-8. Will Pridemore, Jim Denton, Peffen, and Rob Briley all had fine games. Peffen carried the "Student Body Left" pitch for MBA's first touchdown and Rob Briley muscled his way for the other score.

An overconfident Big Red fell to Father Ryan in the season finale on October 29 by a score of 14-7. Although a sterling defensive effort halted two Ryan drives inside the MBA 5 yard-line, a pair of short runs gave the Irish their margin of victory. MBA's lone score came on a 10-yard dash by quarterback Michael Pirrie.

The Freshman squad posted a 4-3 record this year, one of the best ever for an MBA fresh team. The players showed a great deal of potential, and observers of this year's Freshman and Microbe squads are predicting bright athletic fortunes for MBA in the future.

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